

Notice of Proposed No Further Action Related to Petroleum Hydrocarbon

And

Organic Contaminants

FOR

CAL ONE CELLULAR, 2204-2212 SECOND STREET, EUREKA

Case No. 1NHU913

Humboldt County

Initial Internet Posting Date: July 31, 2007

End of Comment Period: August 30, 2007

Proposed decision

This Notice invites the public to review and comment on the pending decision to require no further action in the investigation and cleanup of chemical releases at the above-referenced property.

Problem Description

Subsurface contamination concerns were identified as part of a property transaction. The site was developed in the 1900s with a residence and associated outbuildings until 1964. Subsequent to 1964, the property has been occupied by various businesses that include a janitorial supply, automotive repair, and cellular communication center. The automotive repair facility reportedly operated a waste oil tank; the tank has never been located. The automotive repair facility also washed floors with solvents and discharged them to the sanitary sewer.

Remedial Actions Completed

Four monitoring wells and twenty-eight borings have been completed at the site. Thirteen of the soil borings do not indicate any petroleum contamination below a depth of 6.45 feet below the ground surface. There has been a significant amount of groundwater contamination of Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) as diesel and TPH as motor oil identified from depths of ten to thirty feet below the ground surface. The source of this contamination is not attributable to this site.

Status of Contaminants in Groundwater

Very low levels of tetrachloroethene (less than 2 parts per billion) are found in shallow groundwater. These low levels are anticipated to remain in place and naturally attenuate without adversely impacting the State's beneficial use of water resources.

Unless significant comments are received or new information is presented, Regional Water Board staff plan to concur with no further action upon conclusion of the comment period. Please contact Kasey Ashley by telephone at (707) 576-2673 or e-mail, kashley@waterboards.ca.gov for all issues concerning the subject case.